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PSC APPROVES AGREEMENTS REACHED IN NATURAL GAS AGGREGATION CASES

Jefferson City (October 17, 2002)---The Missouri Public Service Commission has approved agreements reached by parties in natural gas aggregation cases filed by Atmos Energy Corporation, Fidelity Natural Gas, Inc., Laclede Gas Company, Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-L&P, Southern Missouri Gas Company, L.P., Union Electric Company d/b/a AmerenUE, Missouri Gas Energy and Aquila, Inc. d/b/a Aquila Networks-MPS. As a result, each company will have natural gas aggregation tariffs on file with the Commission allowing eligible public school districts in Missouri (or marketers on their behalf) to purchase their own natural gas supplies. This program will expand to eligible private school districts next year.

Under HB 1402, passed during the 2002 legislative session and signed by Governor Bob Holden, eligible school districts will be allowed to aggregate their natural gas transportation and supply needs. Under the law, all natural gas companies under PSC jurisdiction were to file a proposed aggregation tariff on or before August 1, 2002, with it to go into effect no later than November 1, 2002. Under the bill, this program is currently scheduled to expire in June 2005.

HB 1402 also includes provisions that protect the gas utility, local taxing authorities and local natural gas customers from any harm due to implementation of this program.

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Case Nos. GT-2003-0034, GT-2003-0033, GT-2003-0037, GT-2003-0036, GT-2003-0031, GT-2003-0039, GT-2003-0038 & GT-2003-0032